109TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. RES. 1070

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Members of the House should actively engage with employers and the American public at large to encourage the hiring of members and former members of the Armed Forces who were wounded in service and are facing a transition to civilian life.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 29, 2006

Mr. Hunter submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Members of the House should actively engage with employers and the American public at large to encourage the hiring of members and former members of the Armed Forces who were wounded in service and are facing a transition to civilian life.

Whereas United States soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines continue to make significant personal sacrifices to protect and defend the Nation;

Whereas since the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in late 2001 over 1,348,000

members of the Armed Forces have served overseas in combat theaters of operations;

Whereas over 19,600 members of the Armed Forces have been wounded in theater and as a result of their injuries many have been separated from their respective service;

Whereas as a result of required separation from military service due to their injuries incurred while in service, these members of the Armed Forces are transitioning to civilian careers;

Whereas recent statistics from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that the transition from military service to a civilian career can be difficult, with veterans who are age 20 through 24 experiencing a jobless rate 3 times the national average; and

Whereas Members of Congress could provide assistance in making businesses and employers aware of the unique skills of wounded veterans and thereby help reduce the jobless rate for wounded veterans: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
- 2 resentatives that—
- 3 (1) Members of the House should actively en-
- 4 gage with employers and the American public at
- 5 large to encourage the hiring of members and
- 6 former members of the Armed Forces who were
- 7 wounded in service and are facing a transition to ci-
- 8 vilian life; and
- 9 (2) a strong relationship should be forged be-
- tween Congress, local businesses, and members and

- 1 former members of the Armed Forces referred to in
- 2 paragraph (1) towards the goal of finding employ-
- 3 ment for those who have sacrificed so much.

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